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Applicant : Eric L.L. Jacobs  
Serial No. : 09/710,137  
Filed : November 10, 2000  
For : SELF-CHECKOUT METHOD AND APPARATUS INCLUDING  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-11 in the subject application, and add new claims 12-31. A clean copy of new claims 12-31 is attached as Exhibit A.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicant has canceled claims 1-11 and added new claims 12-31. Accordingly, claims 12-31 are now presented for examination in the subject application.

Applicant maintains that this Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter. Accordingly, applicant respectfully

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requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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